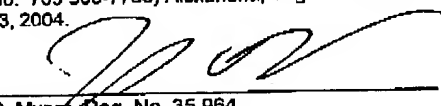


OFFICIAL

JUL 14 2004

## PATENT APPLICATION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (Phone No. 703 308-7766) Alexandria, Virginia 22313, on July 13, 2004.

  
Jeffrey D. Myers, Reg. No. 35,964IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: A. Burl Donaldson	:	Examiner: B. Mohanty
Serial No. 10/043,006	:	Group Art Unit: 3747
Filed: January 8, 2002	:	
For: WETSTACKING AVOIDANCE IN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES	:	

DECLARATION OF A. BURL DONALDSON UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.68

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

A. Burl Donaldson declares as follows:

1. I am the inventor of the subject matter of the above-identified patent application.
2. Prior to December 21, 2000, I created all the documents comprising U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/260,550, filed January 8, 2001 (the '550 Application).
3. Subsequent to December 21, 2000, I worked with Maureen Camunez of the New Mexico State University Technology Transfer Corporation, the assignee of the present application, to cause a U.S. provisional patent application to be filed. The law firm of Peacock Myers & Adams, P.C., in Albuquerque, New Mexico, then filed the '550 Application on January 8, 2001, less than three weeks after December 21, 2000.

**PATENT Ser. No. 10/043,006**

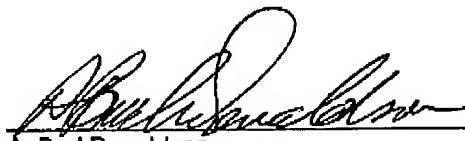
---

Albuquerque, New Mexico, then filed the '550 Application on January 8, 2001, less than three weeks after December 21, 2000.

4. The '550 Application shows that the present invention, as claimed in independent claims 1, 8, 11, and 18, as amended, was conceived by me prior to December 21, 2000. Note particularly pages 8, 11, and 26. I subsequently worked diligently to cause a patent application to be filed less than three weeks later.

5. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date:

7/13/04  
A. Burl Donaldson

G:\AMDS\WMSU\Donaldson\Donaldson\_Rule\_131\_DCL.doc